

## **DONATING REUSABLE GOODS**

Donating your unwanted goods to the organizations or businesses listed in this guide provides needed items to people who want them, preserves natural resources, and helps to keep landfills free of usable goods. All donated items should be clean, not torn or stained, and in working condition (unless noted otherwise). If you wish to include your donation to a nonprofit organization as an income tax deduction, you will need to get a receipt.

## **BUYING AND SELLING REUSABLE GOODS**

In addition to the many community agencies which welcome donations of goods, there are many places where you can buy or sell used items. This give-and-take approach is a wise strategy for reducing waste. We encourage you to patronize both non-profit and commercial operations which further the reuse ethic. If you are interested in purchasing a used item, some of the best places to look are thrift stores, consignment shops, classified ads, specialty stores, and yard/garage sales. A garage sale event for South Santa Clara County is held each year. Call 778-6480 for details.

- ***Thrift Stores*** - Local thrift stores are an excellent place to donate and buy a wide variety of reusable goods. Check the yellow pages under thrift stores.
- ***Consignment Shops*** - Consignment shops are often a good source for buying and selling higher quality used clothing or furniture. Sellers bring used items to the store where they are then sold for a profit. When the item sells, the store gives you a percentage of the selling price. Look in the yellow pages under consignment furniture, antique, or clothing shops.
- ***Classified Ads*** - The classified ads in your local newspaper are a great place to find used items for sale. If you are selling a used item, be sure to list it in the classifieds.
- ***Specialty Stores*** - Look for stores specializing in the particular item you are interested in. For example, a surf shop may buy and sell used wetsuits, or a bike shop may buy and sell used bicycles. Check the yellow pages, and call around. Many specialty stores also maintain either indoor or outdoor bulletin boards which advertise used goods.
- ***Garage Sales, Yard Sales and Rummage Sales*** - Other ways to encourage reuse of durable goods are through holding your own yard sale or by donating items to local civic groups, school groups, or churches that hold periodic rummage sales and/or flea markets as fundraising events. To find out about these sales check the classified ads in the local paper or call the organizations.

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

### **Center for Development of Recycling San Jose State University**

One Washington Square  
San Jose, CA 95192-0204

☎ 924-5453 or ☎ 800-533-8414  
[www.recyclestuff.org](http://www.recyclestuff.org)

### **Environmental Programs Division Public Works Department City of Morgan Hill**

17575 Peak Avenue  
Morgan Hill, CA 95037

☎ 778-6480  
[www.morganhill.ca.gov](http://www.morganhill.ca.gov)

### **City of Gilroy**

7351 Rosanna Street  
Gilroy, CA 95020

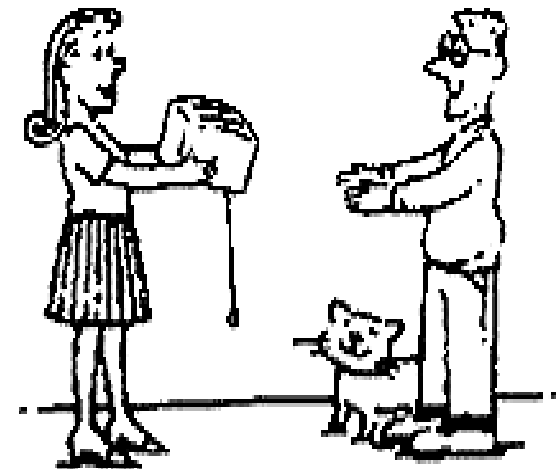
☎ 846-0245  
[www.ci.gilroy.ca.us](http://www.ci.gilroy.ca.us)

### **Santa Clara County Integrated Waste Management Program**

1553 Berger Drive Bldg. 1  
San Jose, CA 95112

☎ 282-3180  
[www.reducewaste.org](http://www.reducewaste.org)

# **REDUCE WASTE THROUGH REUSE**



## **Guide to Donating, Buying and Selling Reusable Goods in Morgan Hill and Gilroy**

# WHERE TO DONATE REUSABLE GOODS

NAME	ADDRESS/TELEPHONE	CLOTHES	FOOD	SMALL APPLIANCES	FURNITURE	LINEN/ BEDDING	Other	COMMENTS
Community Solutions	Donation Line: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>779-2113</li><li>Contact Paige Day</li></ul>	✓				✓	Gently used towels, sheets, blankets, household items, baby/children's clothes/toys/equipment.	Call before donating; prior approval needed.
Gilroy Public Library	7652 Monterey St. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>842-8207</li></ul>						Books, audiotapes, videotapes, CD's, CD ROM's, recent magazines (2000 to present), any year National Geographic magazines. Must be clean & in good condition. Put in clean boxes or bags of manageable size.	DO NOT ACCEPT: computer software or books older than 5 years, legal codes, textbooks, encyclopedias older than 10 years, phonograph records, magazines catalogs & telephone books. No torn or damaged books.
Morgan Hill Public Library	660 W. Main Ave. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>779-3196</li></ul>							
Goodwill of Santa Clara County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Morgan Hill: 778-3253</li><li>Gilroy: 842-9941</li><li>To donate auto: 877-241-8753</li></ul>	✓		✓	✓	✓	NO mattresses, box springs, paint or other hazardous materials, appliances, carpet (rugs OK), TV's that do not follow 2009 law, pools/playground equipment, construction materials, baby items, flammable materials.	Drop-off Monday-Sunday 10am-5pm or bring to a donation station. NO pickup offered. All items are inspected before being accepted.
Hope Rehabilitation Services	Morgan Hill & Gilroy <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>866-636-6283</li></ul>	✓		✓		✓	Small household items, computers/electronics, working or not working, televisions, sports equipment, toys. No furniture or large items. <a href="http://www.hopeservices.org">www.hopeservices.org</a> for complete list.	Will pick-up. Please call to arrange. Also has an auto donation program – call for details.
John H. Boccardo Family Living Center	13545 Monterey Road <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>686-1300</li></ul>	✓		✓	✓	✓	Full/twin bedding, linens, towels, shower curtains, dishes, clothes, small furniture items. Special need for disposable diapers.	Call before donating furniture.
Morgan Hill Unified School District	15600 Concord Cir. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Purchasing: 201-6056</li></ul>				✓		Computers, stationery, color or white paper, file folders or other office supplies, will discuss any donation you wish to make for t he District or for a particular school.	To donate computer(s) to a particular school, contact Arlene Machado, Director of Technology, 201-6032.
Salvation Army Thrift Store	6701 Camino Arroyo, Gilroy <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>842-3991</li></ul>	✓		✓	✓	✓	May drop off small (must fit in bags or boxes), reusable goods including working TV's & computers.	Drop-off daily from 9am – 5:30pm. Closed Thursday and Sunday. Sometimes hours are 12:30pm-5pm. Please call 1-800-958-7825 for pickup of large items or for more information.
Second Harvest Food Bank	750 Curtner Ave., San Jose <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>266-8866</li></ul>		✓				Safe, edible, fresh, frozen, dried, or canned. DON'T leave food unattended. ALSO NEED CLEAN BROWN PAPER BAGS & NEWSPAPERS. Call for drop-off info.	Call 1-800-984-3663 to receive food referrals and qualification details.. Morgan Hill pick-up site for eligible low income seniors is the Friendly Inn, 17666 Crest Ave., Thurs. 9:00-10:00 AM. For Gilroy, call 842-4200.
St. Catherine's Church "Reach Out" program	17400 Peak Ave. (behind church) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>779-3959</li></ul>		✓				Safe, edible, fresh, frozen, dried, or canned. DON'T leave food unattended. ALSO ACCEPTS CLEAN BROWN PAPER BAGS.	Bring food to St. Catherine's Church Reachout (portable building behind church) from 1-2:30 PM, Monday-Friday.
St. Joseph's Family Center with 2nd Harvest Food Bank	7950 Church St., Suite A, Gilroy <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Contact Bilingual 842-6662</li></ul>		✓				Same food as above. NO HOMEMADE FOOD ACCEPTED. Also accept CLEAN plastic and brown bags for food distribution.	Hours: Monday through Friday, 9am-noon and 1pm-4.
St. Louise Regional Hospital Volunteer Program	Contact: Gail Paccioretti <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Gilroy: 848-4919</li></ul>						Tasteful and current magazines for patient reading. Children's, Adult, and Paperback books will be accepted.	
United Cancer Research Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1-800-443-4224</li><li>to donate auto: 800-222-1533</li></ul>	✓		✓	✓		Useable household items including clothing, shoes, small appliances, furniture, and collectibles.	All furniture must be in resaleable condition. You can generally take a tax deduction for the current value of the items. Please contact call 1-800-443-4224 for free pick-up service arrangements available in California.
Wildlife Education & Rehabilitation Center (WERC)	Contact Sue Howell for more info on donations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Morgan Hill: 779-9372</li></ul>						Artificial greenery (plants, flowers, x-mas trees), heavy duty welded wire, metal garbage cans (no holes), redwood lattice, railroad ties.	Please call for more information. Donation requests may change during the year. Monetary donations Contact Sue Howell or visit <a href="http://www.werc-ca.org">www.werc-ca.org</a>

Note: Inclusion in this guide does not constitute endorsement. All reuse organizations may not be listed. If you know of other reuse organizations in the South County area, please call the City of Morgan Hill's Environmental Programs Division at 778-6480.